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Engineering College, Madras

* 859 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED (on behalf of SRI T. T. DANIEL): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the United States Government have agreed to provide under its programme any aid to the Engineering College, Madras; and

(b) if so, the amount of financial aid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Books worth $200 and scientific equipment costing $12,500 have been allotted to the College under the "India Wheat Loan Educational Exchange Programme".

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know, Sir, whether the aid is given for the development of any particular section or department of the Engineering College?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Not to any particular thing. We are allowed to choose our own equipment.

Motor Vehicles Taxation Act

* 860 Q.—SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY (on behalf of SRIMATHI T. N. ANANDANAYAKI): Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of tax collected under the Madras Motor Vehicles Taxation Act, 1931 by the Government district-war including Madras City in 1958; and

(b) the amount paid out of the above sum to each local body for the maintenance of roads?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) The amount of tax collected during the year 1958 is furnished in item I of the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

(b) The amount paid from 1st January up to 30th November 1958 to each local body is furnished in items II and III of the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, from the statement it is evident that in the City of Madras about Rs. 71 lakhs odd is collected under this head, whereas the compensation given to the local body, namely, the Corporation of Madras, is only Rs. 3 lakhs odd, which works out only to 2½ per cent of the total collection. Whereas it is the sole responsibility . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is giving an opinion.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: No, Sir. I have not yet . . .

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Member is going on the wrong line. He must put a question and not give an opinion.

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 644-649 infra.

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, I am only stating what is given in the statement. To augment and make the question clear, I am quoting from the statement. There is nothing wrong.

MR. SPEAKER : It is a waste of the time of the House. The hon. Member will proceed with the question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I am bringing it to a pointed interest so that it may be clear.

MR. SPEAKER : That may be done during the discussion of Demands and not during question time.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Whereas it is the sole responsibility of the Corporation of Madras . . .

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member is giving an opinion by saying "Whereas it is the sole responsibility of . . ." It is only an opinion. He must ask a question. The hon. Member will put it in the form of a question.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, the question may contain adjectival clauses and adverbial clauses. It may be a complex sentence.

MR. SPEAKER : Next question. Question No. 861.

SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : On a point of order, Sir. 860-வது கேள்விக்கு கனம் அங்கத்தினர் விநாயகம் அவர்கள் கேட்ட கேள்வி சரியல்ல என்பதற்காக கேள்விகள் கேட்கத் தயாராக இருந்த எங்களுக்குங்கூட அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படவில்லையே! எங்களுக்கு அந்தக் கேள்வியில் உபகேள்விகள் கேட்க அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படுமா ?

MR. SPEAKER : ஸ்பீக்கர் ரூலின் மேல் பாய்ன்ட் ஆப் ஆர்டரா ? தனிக் கேள்வி கேளுங்கள். அது அங்கத்தினர் தவறு. அங்கத்தினர்கள் சரியான முறையில் கேள்விகள் கேட்காமல் போனால் அடுத்த கேள்விக்குப் போவதைத் தவிர வேறு என்ன மருந்து இருக்கிறது ? அங்கத்தினர்கள் தயவு செய்து ஒத்துழைத்தால் நான் நியாயமான முறையில் அனுமதி கொடுக்கிறேன்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : அதனால் மற்ற அங்கத்தினர்கள் கேள்விகளும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு விடுகிறதே !

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : What is the form of the question, Sir?

MR. SPEAKER : I am afraid, the hon Member Sri K. Vinayakam has misunderstood me. How a question is to be asked, is given in the rules. It is not for me to point it out. The interpretation of the rules is left to me. I tell the hon. Member that he is wrong. He must listen and correct himself.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : I confine myself only to the form of the question, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER : Anyway, the hon. Member is not raising a point of order. He cannot question the Speaker's ruling. (Interruption by Sri K. Vinayakam.) If the hon. Member should disturb and obstruct the proceedings like this, I will take appropriate action against him.

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(The hon. Member Sri K. Vinayakam was heard to say, 'It is easy to snub a man'.)

MR. SPEAKER : Again I am warning that if the hon. Member persists, I will take appropriate action.

Reorganization of Government departments

* 861 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the report was submitted by the Special Officer deputed to examine the question of reorganization of Government departments;

(*b*) whether action has been taken on the proposals made in the report; and

(*c*) whether a copy of the report will be placed on the Table of the House, together with the decisions of the Government on the proposals?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) July 1958.

(*b*) The recommendations relate to various Departments of Government and they are being examined and orders issued as and when decisions are reached in each case.

(*c*) Copies of the Report have already been placed in the Legislature Library for the information of the Hon. Members. As it will take sometime for orders to be passed on all the recommendations, it will not be possible at this stage to place on the table of the House the decisions of the Government on the proposals.

Students of the Annamalai University

* 862 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a Committee has been constituted by the Government to examine the disturbed conditions among the students of the Annamalai University;

(*b*) if so, whether that Committee has made any report in the matter; and

(*c*) whether any of its recommendations have been implemented so far?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Sir, I understand that the Education Committee appointed by the Congress Parliamentary Party in New Delhi has recommended the appointment of a military officer in every University to maintain discipline among the students. Will the Government consider the desirability of taking